

Puzzle #18 – November 2002 "Topsy-Turvy"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right margin continue on the next line below and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Ten across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a phrase that indicates how down words are to appear in the grid. Answers include five proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

Across

- Wild in lust about gold shell
- From an enemy holding charm back
- Elusive cunning keeps piper on the move
- Attempts having first of big families
- Chopped liver is worse
- Have an attitude about small law enforcement body
- Brother holds one thorny bush
- Deride Ann's concealing conception
- Materials for making glass sound about right
- Cheese made the other way
- Ultimately cold, dark, and insignificant
- Confines less once broken up
- Free apocryphal fiddler out of generosity
- Jump unit left in tub
- Dad's unruly tots
- Monopoly investigator gives up nothing
- Keen sound detector sent astray
- State bitterly holding back Xizang
- Has a yen for Costa Rican birds
- Strip right in lean-to
- Speak at length for no fee
- Views changed before left turn
- Daniel out with run for Eire

Down

- Turning over in sin?
- Brittle pile of rubble
- Hit on the head; that is, cap
- Warring tribes move
- True, false: around 100 belch
- Subsist with bad back
- Speaks about hesitation counters
- Seasoned act wins heart of Avila
- Roman consul engaged in scatology
- Origin of life in newborn mass of matter
- Stops a rider holding garment
- Mountain range fissuring is rare
- "Sour limes" is an expression
- Bertrand loses big time commission
- More derisive Duke
- Courage of sterner venue
- Setting of bad screen play's ending
- Wings--eastern style?
- Flat shortened meet
- Wader found in Budapest or Krakow
- Plan keeps mother in bastion
- Wreck sorted out by end of day